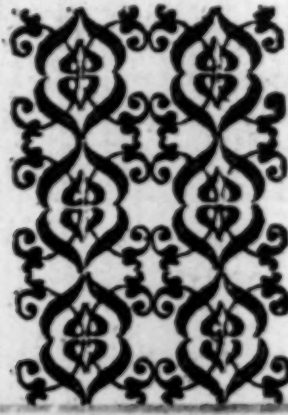


The feuerall Rates and taxations for VVages,

made and set foorth by the Iustices of Peace, for the
Citie of Exeter

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Here in the Parliament holden at Westminter the xii. day of Januarie, in the fift yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady the Queenes Maiesty, it was enacted by the Queene our soueraigne Lady, the Lords spirituall and temporall, and the commons in that Parliament assembled, that the Iustices of the Peace of euery Shire, Riding, & libertie, within the limits of their seuerall commissions, or the more part of them, being resident within the same, and the Sherife of the Countie, if he conueniently might, and euery Maioz, Bailife, or other head officer within any Citie or Towne corporate, wherein is any Iustices of the Peace within the limits of the said Citie or Towne, should by force of the saide Act, yearly after Easter at times conuenient, appointed by the same, assemble themselves together, and calling before them such discrete and graue persons of the said County, Citie and Towne, as they should thinke meete, and conferring together, respecting the plentie or scarcity of the time and other circumstances necessarily to be considered, should by vertue of the said Act, within the limits and precincts of their seuerall commissions, limite, rate, and appoint the wages, as well of such and so many of the said Artificers, handicrafts men, husbandmen, or any other laborer, seruant, or workman, whose wages in times past hath bene by any law of Statute rated & appointed, as also the wages of all other laborers, artificers, workmen, or apprentices of husbandry, which haue not bene rated, as the same Iustices, Maioz, or head officers within their seuerall commissions or liberties, should thinke meete by their discretions to be rated, limited, or appointed, and the same rates & taxations should certifie vnto the Queenes highnes Court of Chancery before a certaine day limited in & said Act. wherupon it should be lawful for the Lord Chancelloz, or Lord keeper of the great seale of England, for the time being, vpon declaration thereof to her Highnesse, her heires or successors, or to the Lords & others of her Maiesties priue Counsel, to cause Proclamations to be printed & sent down into euery of the said shires and places, containing the seuerall rates appointed by the said Iustices & other head officers, commanding thereby in her Highnes name, all persons straitly to obserue & keepe the same, vpon the danger of the punishment and forfeitures limited & appointed by the said Act and Statute.

And where also it is further enacted by the authority aforesaid, that all maner of person and persons, after such Proclamation made, should obserue and keepe the said rates for wages, vpon paine of the forfeitures & penalties contained in the said Statute, vntill by further order by Proclamation, according to the purport of the same Statute, it should be otherwise ordered and proclaimed: wherfore the Queenes Maiesty, hauing receiued into her saide Court of Chancery, amongst diuers other Certificates, from sundry her Highnesse Shires, Cities and Townes, one Certificate from the Citie of Exeter, containing the Rates for wages hereafter following, made and appointed by the Iustices of the Citie of Exeter, according to the tenour of the same Acte: And minding to haue the same rates put in execution in all pointes, as by the processe of the same Act is prescribed, like as her Maiesty hath and intendeth to doe in all other her Highnesse Counties and Shires, and other places of Libertie within this her Realme: Therefore her Highnesse straightly chargeth and commaundeth all maner person and persons within the Citie of Exeter, to keepe and obserue in all pointes the saide rates, taxations, orders and appointments for wages hereafter following and set foorth vpon the paines and forfeitures appointed by the said estatute, and vpon paine of her Highnesse displeasure.

And further her Highnesse pleasure & expresse commaundement is, that all Iustices of Peace, Sherifes, & other Officers of the saide Citie of Exeter, shall see and cause the same rates duely and seuerely to bee obserued and kept in all pointes: And this Proclamation to bee vsed in euery behalfe, according to the tenor and effect of the same Act. And her Maiesties further pleasure and commandement is, that if any question, scruple or doubt, shall arise vpon any of the taxations or rates for the sayde Citie of Exeter, hereunder mentioned: That then the same shalbe resolved and determined by her Highnesse Iustices of Peace, that did make and ordeine the same taxations and rates: And that all persons shall performe and keepe the same resolutions, orders, and determinations, so by them to be made and determined touching the same.

The Citie of Exeter.

The Rates of wages of Artificers, seruants and labourers, rated by the Maior of the Citie of Exeter, and the Iustices of Peace of the said County of the Citie of Exeter, at the Guild Hal of Exeter, the xxviii. day of April, in the xxxvii. yeere of the reigne of our Soueraigne Lady Elizabeth the Queenes Maiestie that nowe is, by force of the statute made for order to be taken for Seruants, Artificers, Apprentices, and Labourers in the fist yeere of the raigne of our Soueraigne Lady, Elizabeth by the grace of God, Queene of England, France and Ireland defender of the faith, &c. Appoynting what wages Artificers, seruants and Labourers shall take by the day with meate and drinke, and what without meate and drinke. Smith, Wheelewright, Ploughwright, Mill-wright, Carpenter, Rough Mason, Plasterer, Sawyer, Lyme burner, Bricke maker, Brickelayer, Tayler, Slater, Bellier, Tilemaker, Linnen weauer, Turner, Cowper, Miller, Earthen Potters, Woollien-weauers, Tuckers, Burners of wood Ashes, Thatcher, Shingler, Sower, Reaper, chiefe Hinde, Labourer in Husbandry, Ditcher, Hedger, Paler and Kailer.



All maner of Husbandry Labourers out of the time of Corne Haruest, shall not take by the day with meate and drinke from the last day of September vnto the first day of March aboue iii.d. and without meate and drinke vi.d. and from the first day of March vntill the last of September, iiii.d. with meate and drinke, and without meate and drinke viii.d. And in the Corne Haruest, or hay haruest, euery Hower to haue by the day with meate & drinke, b.d. and without meate and drinke x.d. And euery other man labourer, concerning Corne Haruest, Reapers, Binders, Loaders & others, to haue iiii.d. by the day with meate & drinke, without meate and drinke viii.d. and the woman labourer to haue by the day with meate and drinke iii.d. and without meate and drinke vi.d. and in Hay Haruest the man to haue iii.d. by the day with meate and drinke, and vi.d. without meate and drinke, and the woman in Hay Haruest ii.d. by the day with meate and drinke, and without meate and drinke iiii.d. And that all those fore-

said Labourers shall take by the weeke and moneth after the Rates aforesaid, accounting the dayes and in the moneths after the Rates aforesaid.

Item, that all maner of Labourers in Hedging, Ditching, Paling, Railing, Wood-making, Boate-making and other Taske worke, the said Labourers shall take for the Pearch, Pard, Rope, dozen of wood, hundred and other taske worke in like maner and after the Rates as hath bene commonly vsed to be giuen and paid in these partes at any time within vii. yeeres, last past.

Item, that no Bailife of Husbandry or chiefe Hinde, shall take aboue l.s. by the yeere for his wages and his liuery, or viii.s. at the election of the seruant.

Item, no seruing man, seruant of Husbandry of the age of xxiii. yeeres or aboue, shall take for his wages aboue xxx.s. by the yeere and his liuery, or vi.s. viii.d. for the same, at the election of the said seruant.

Item, no meane seruant from the age of xvi. yeeres vnto the age of xx. yeeres, shall take for his wages aboue xx.s. by the yeere, and from the age of xx. vnto the age of xxiii. yeeres, not aboue xxvi.s. viii.d. and a liuery, or v.s. for the same.

Item, no woman seruant vnmarrried, from the age of xvi. yeeres vnto the age of xxiii. yeeres, shall take aboue xvi.s. by the yeere, and for her besture or garment v.s. and from xxiii. yeeres byward not aboue xx.s. for her wages, and liuery vi.s. viii.d.

Item, no woman seruant vnder the age of xvi. yeeres, shall haue any wages but meate, drinke, and other necessaries as shall be agreed betweene her master, mistres, and seruant.

Item, a master Mason, a master Carpenter, a master Joyner, a master Plasterer, Tylor, Shingler, or Thatcher, A master Plumber, according to the statute, hauing seruants and Apprentices according to the statute, euery of them to take by the day with meate and drinke vi.d. and without meate and drinke, x.d.

Item, all payre of Sawyers to take by the day with meate and drinke, x.d. and without meate and drinke, xvi.d. and not aboue, and for euery hundred foote of board or Tymber sawed by Taske, xx.d. and not aboue.

Item, euery other Mason, Carpenter, Joyner, Bellier, Tylor, Shingler or Plumber, not being a master nor Apprentice, shall take by the day with meate and drinke, iiii.d. and without meate and drinke, viii.d. and not aboue. And euery Apprentice of the said Artes, iii.d. by the day with meate and drinke, and without meate and drinke vi.d. and not aboue.

Item, that euery other Artificer or Handicrafts men mencioned in the said statute, shall take by the day without meate and drinke, and by the day with meate and drinke, such like wages as hath bene vsed most commonly to be giuen or payd in those partes at any time within vii. yeeres last past.

God saue the Queene.

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